



**CARIBOU-TARGHEE NATIONAL FOREST  
PALISADES RANGER DISTRICT  
IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO**

**2012**

**ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

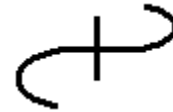
**LONE PINE SHEEP ALLOTMENT**

**CONTACT US PRIOR TO STOCKING THE ALLOTMENT**

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Authorized Season of Use</u>	<u>Number</u>
Phillips Brothers Farm and Livestock	Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup> to September 17 <sup>st</sup>	1000 ewes/lambs

All sheep must be your own livestock.

The following brand is permitted on the allotment for 2012:



Phillips Brothers Farm and Livestock

Phillips Brothers Farm and Livestock is authorized to graze 1000 head of sheep on the allotment during the authorized season.

**GRAZING SCHEDULE**

Trail the sheep to the Lone Pine Allotment on the **Rerouted** Bear Creek Driveway.

Use Unit 2 and portions of Unit 1 and 3 for the **2012** season. A map of the areas to be used will be provided at the Spring Meeting.

Trail the sheep back to the Brockman Corrals using the **Rerouted** Bear Creek Driveway to ship lambs. All trail time must occur within your permitted season.

**Allotment Management**

When trailing to your allotment or from your allotment to the corral, be sure to have your sheep cross Corral Creek on the bridge on Brockman road.

The Golden Gate band of sheep is authorized to graze the portion of the Lone Pine Allotment East of Lone Pine Ridge during July. Be sure not to graze any of the areas used by the Golden Gate herd.

The North West portion of the allotment is scheduled for a prescribed burn this fall. The Prescribe fire area will be rested as shown on your map. We will notify you of prescribed burning while you are using the allotment.

## PROPER USE CRITERIA

These utilization guidelines apply to native and desirable nonnative vegetation as recorded at the end of the grazing period.

The following rates for forage utilization apply to the total amount of forage utilized. The use rates include wildlife grazing as well as domestic livestock. Once proper use of the forage is met the sheep will be moved to the next unit or off of the allotment.

### Upland Forage Utilization

#### Vegetation type

#### Percent Utilization

Herbaceous vegetation including grasses

55%

Shrubs

35%

### Riparian Forage Utilization and Stubble Height

Riparian Shrubs (current year's growth)

30%.

A four inch (4") stubble height will be applied to key species along the Hydric Greenline (HGL) and a three inch (3") stubble height will be applied to key species in the Aquatic Influence Zones (AIZ).

### Herding

When grazing, allow the sheep to spread out and avoid excessive use of dogs to herd the sheep especially on the steep slopes of the allotment. Sheep will not be allowed to shade up along stream banks. After they have watered the sheep will be eased away from the water to shade. Bringing sheep to water either early or late in the day seems to have less impact on streams than when the sheep come to water during the hot part of the day, as they tend to shade up along the streams. Bed grounds will be used only one night during the grazing season. Move the sheep to a new bed ground each night. Do not bed sheep on system roads, trails, or in riparian areas.

### Salting

No salt will be placed within ¼ mile of water, or as far from water as practical. Also salt will not be placed next to roadways or forest system trails. Utilize areas where salt grounds will create the least impact on the land.

### Camps

Herder camps should be located at least 50 feet from the trails if possible. Low impact camping techniques will be used such as: picketing or highlining any stock that will remain tied for long periods of time, using existing fire rings or removing sod from a new fire ring and replacing it before you leave, caching tent poles cut from native trees to use another year. Picket lines will be of a length so not to allow pack and saddle stock to cross roads or trails. Fires will be extinguished when not attended. Pack out all trash from your sheep camps including any trash that is left from previous years or items left by other campers. Keep camps clean while they are occupied.

### Disposal of Dead Livestock

Dead livestock need to be moved at least 100 feet from system roads and trails, and water sources.

### Range Improvements

You are responsible for your share of the maintenance on the Brockman Corral. Continue to coordinate with other corral users as to when you intend to use the corral. The annual maintenance of the corral will be completed while preparing to ship lambs.

### Allotment Monitoring

During management of the allotment this summer we would like you to document dates and livestock numbers as you enter and exit the various units. Also stubble height should be recorded as the livestock leave the units and general remarks pertaining to management of the unit.

## **COORDINATION & COOPERATION**

### Motorized Access

The Palisades Ranger District is closed to cross country motorized travel. Adhere to the travel plan while managing your sheep on the allotment. Motorized vehicles are only allowed on the roads and trails designated as open to motorized use.

The Caribou Subsection Travel Plan has been revised. Actions in the decision that may effect the management of your allotment include closing the Lone Pine Road to all motorised use.

### Noxious Weeds

The Palisades Ranger District will again have a crew treating weeds on the District this summer. Continue to look for new weed infestations on your allotment. Any hay or straw entering the National Forest must be certified "Weed Free".

### Wolf Management

You need to comply with the most current rules concerning wolf management. To receive the latest information on wolf management you can contact the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Any problems with wolves will be reported to Wildlife Services as well as Palisades Ranger District as soon as possible.

### Fire

All wildfires on the allotment will be evaluated and the appropriate management actions will be taken. Some wildfires may be managed to improve forest and ecosystem health. You will be notified if fires are being managed for resource benefits near your allotment.

### Aspen Improvement

The District has prepared a plan to improve the aspen forest type in the upper portions of the Fall Creek and Bear Creek drainages. The project will include cutting of conifers and stimulation of aspen, to favor aspen forest clones within a 24,277 acre landscape. Part of Unit One of this allotment is scheduled to be burned this summer or fall. Areas of the

allotment which receive prescribed fire treatments will require rest from livestock grazing for two growing seasons following the burn.

### INFORMATION

In addition to this grazing plan the folder contains: An allotment map, a page of general grazing instructions and an Actual Use Record. Keep the record current with allotment information and return it to us at the end of the grazing season.

This Annual Operating Instruction document is part of your Term Grazing Permit. If a situation develops that require changes to this plan contact the District Ranger and obtain approval prior to initiating changes or deviating from these instructions. If you have any questions about the plan or the allotment in general, contact us. The phone number for the Idaho Falls Office is 523-1412.

This plan has been reviewed by the permittee and the Palisades Ranger District and in combination with the permit and Allotment Management Plan will be the guide for this allotment for the 2012 grazing season.

/s/ Phillips Brothers Farm and Livestock  
By Nathan Phillips  
Permittee

4/24/12  
Date

/s/ Robbert Mickelsen  
ROBBERT MICKELSEN  
District Ranger

5/1/12  
Date